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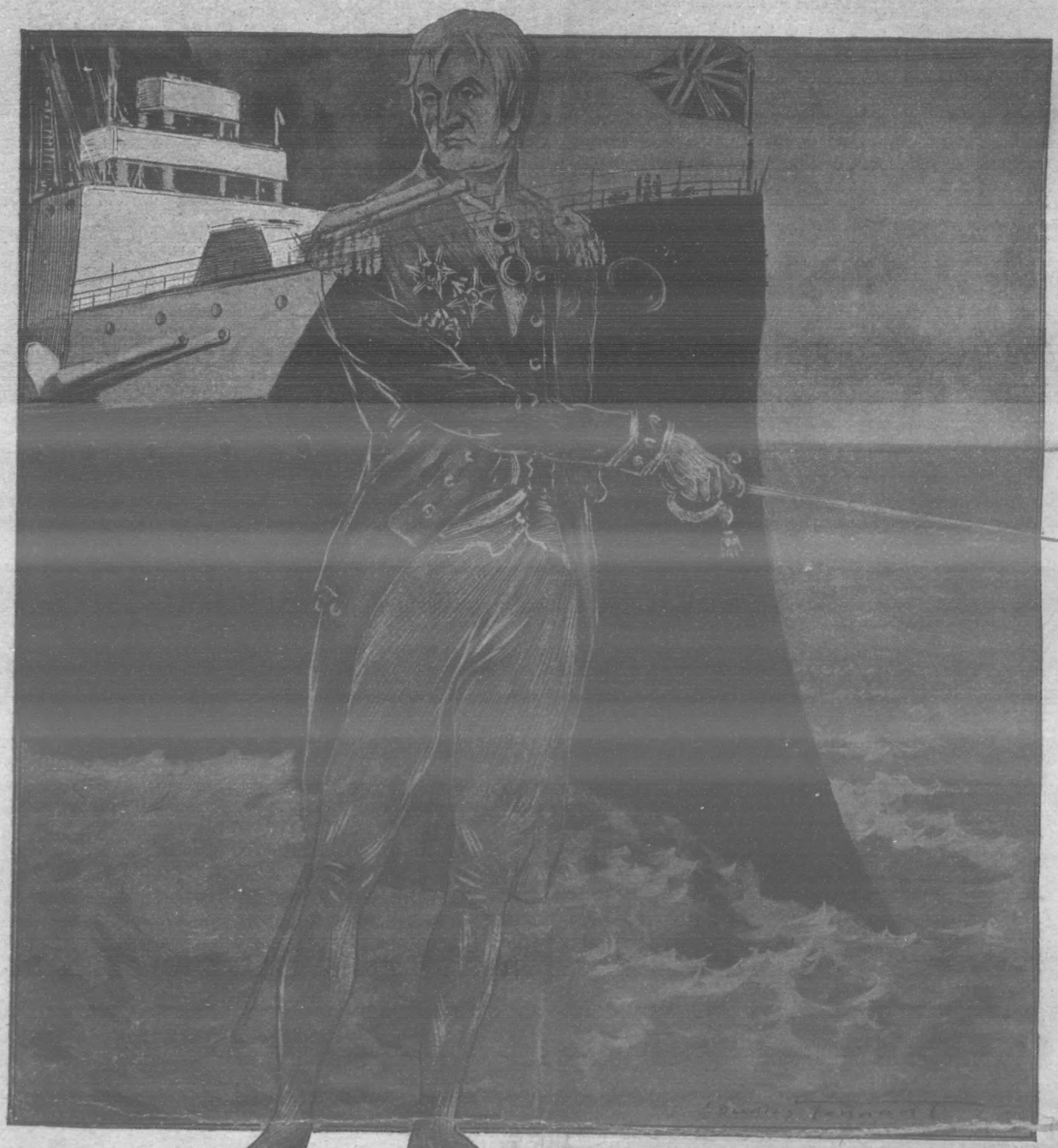

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The L.C.C. in Paris: The arrival of Sir Edwin Cornwall and M. Brousse at the Market.

Christening of the World's Greatest Battleship.

"I name this ship *Dreadnought*. May God speed her and all who may sail in her."

With these words King Edward on Saturday christened the greatest battleship in the world at Portsmouth. A few moments later his Majesty, with chisel and mallet, severed the cord whose parting set the great hull free, and the living ship, which a moment before was an inert hulk, glided down the ways, and entered the waters of Portsmouth Harbour, a floating monument to British naval efficiency.

The *Dreadnought* will be the most powerful warship in the world so far as fighting efficiency is concerned.

She will, when complete, have a displacement of 18,000 tons, 1,000 tons more than any other British warship, although not greater than the two new Japanese warships. In gun power, however, she will be unrivalled.

Ten 12in. guns will make up her main armament in place of the four usually carried. Each of these will throw an 850lb. shell at a muzzle velocity of 2,500ft. per second. In other words, she will be able to discharge from the ten guns 8,500lb., or nearly four tons of metal each minute, sufficient to sink any vessel afloat within a range of three miles.

Photo, Illustrations Bureau.

Mlle. Ranson, who made a speech in English, which Sir Edwin Cornwall will print and distribute 1,000,000 copies in England. By her left is Mr. Evan Spicer, who was so charmed with Mlle. Ranson's speech that he kissed her.

THE LAST FEW DAYS.

NOTES ON NEWS OF THE WEEK.

She is destined to become in January, 1907, the flagship of the Atlantic Fleet, and her inclusion will make that squadron, with its present composition, the most powerful naval unit at sea, with a possible metal discharge from its guns of 60,000lb., or nearly twenty-seven guns a minute. No other combination of vessels in the world's fleets can at present even approach this.

The Dreadnought's launching weight will be 6,000 tons, and she will be armoured with 12in. metal, weighing in all 10,000 tons. She is to be fitted with water-tube boilers, and will be the first battleship to have turbine engines.

Her lines are cut very fine underneath, and she will have a speed of twenty knots. She is fitted with double rudders, and has three screws in place of the two usually allotted to battleships. Her two masts will be fitted for Marconi telegraphy.

In fact, the *Dreadnought* will be the most up-to-date warship in the world. Her construction has already caused alterations in all the warship-building programmes of Europe, for it is recognised that she is the embodiment of all the lessons learnt at the great battle in the Sea of Japan.

British officers were the only witnesses, apart from the Japanese themselves, who saw the fight from the victors' point of view. It was on the reports of these officers that the design of the *Dreadnought* was based. Sir Philip Watts, the Director of Naval Construction, is mainly responsible for the design, but his work was accomplished after prolonged consultations with the Sea Lords, the sea commanders-in-chief, the gunnery experts, private builders, like Thornycrofts and the Fairfield Company, and scientists like Lord Kelvin and Professor Biles.

In another eleven or twelve months the *Dreadnought* will be completed, a total of at most sixteen months for the entire building of the vessel against the usual thirty to thirty-six months allowed for previous vessels.

The cost of the Dreadnought will amount to £1,750,000. Two other vessels of the same type are to be built, one for the Mediterranean and one for the Channel Fleet.

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Queen Alexandra and the King of Greece at Copenhagen for the funeral of their father.

Photo, Elfelt.

The latest photo of the new Queen of Denmark.

Photo, Topical.

THE L.C.C. IN PARIS: English and French Councillors at the Gare de Lyon.

Photo, Topical.

The L.C.C. in Paris: Queens of the Paris Markets presenting bouquets to Sir Edwin Cornwall.

Officer's Heroism.

A most heroic effort to save the life of a seaman, named Thompson, was made last Monday by Lieutenant F. A. N. Cromie, commander of one of A class submarine boats, at Portsmouth.

Two submarine boats and a torpedo boat were exercising off the Nab Lightship when Able-seaman Thompson was washed off the slender deck of the vessel by a great wave. Handicapped by his heavy sea boots and oilskins, he immediately began to sink.

Lieutenant Cromie, with his heavy waterproof still on, plunged in to the seaman's rescue, and, reaching him, held him on the surface of the rough sea with great difficulty.

Unfortunately, the mishap had not been seen by the remainder of the crew, who were inside the craft, and after supporting Thompson for some time the officer was at length compelled to release his hold, and the seaman sank before his eyes.

Just then the crew of the submarine missed their commander, and the vessel was turned in search.

Lieutenant Cromie was picked up when on the point of sinking. He was dragged aboard in an unconscious state, and artificial respiration was resorted to, but it was not until an hour and a half had elapsed that the officer returned to consciousness.

He was afterwards removed to the sick bay in H.M.S. *Thames*, the submarine depôt ship at Portsmouth

Photo, Photo Press.

Chief Inspector Palmer, of the City Police, who is about to retire after forty years' service. He has been a prominent figure in all the important Civic ceremonies.

Treasure Hunt Tragedy.

The body of an eighty-year old pedlar, named Meade, around whom a romance hung, was taken to the morgue in New York last week.

Once Meade made £250,000 by the discovery of a chemical process for preserving meat. Then he went to the Californian coast and spent all he had in a fruitless search for sunken Spanish treasure-ships.

He chartered a special vessel which was wrecked, but he continued his search by successive expeditions until he was a ruined man.

Then he returned to New York and became a pedlar. He died without the means to pay his funeral expenses.

THE WEDDING OF THE WEEK: MISS ALICE ROOSEVELT, DAUGHTER OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND HER BRIDEGROOM-ELECT, MR. LONGWORTH. The marriage of Miss Alice Roosevelt, daughter of the President of the United States, and Mr. Nicholas Longworth, member of Congress, which takes place on Saturday, is almost the sole topic of conversation in America, and is exciting quite as much interest as an important Royal wedding.

away by the current. Being a capable swimmer, Smalley quickly reached the drowning animal and brought it safely to the side.

Mummy in the Street.

A mummy was discovered lying in the Rue Jouffrey, in Paris, last week, and taken to the police-station.

It was sent from Abyssinia by a M. Lebey, an explorer and archæologist, as a present to his uncle.

But this gentleman, who has little sympathy with his nephew's taste, declined to allow the mummy to be kept in his house, and when the puzzled concierge asked what he should do with it the fiery old gentleman ordered him to throw it into the street.

A Regimental Romance.

A curious romance attaches to John Francis Durham, of the Durham Light Infantry, who is now visiting Nottingham with his foster-parents.

During the Soudanese campaign of 1885, after an encounter of an outpost of the regiment with two boatloads of natives on the Nile below Khartoum, a dead woman was found in one of the boats with a baby boy in her arms.

The English soldiers nursed and took him to India, where he was adopted by the wife of Sergeant-major Fisher, and baptised John Francis Durham. He made excellent

THE ISLAND QUEEN.

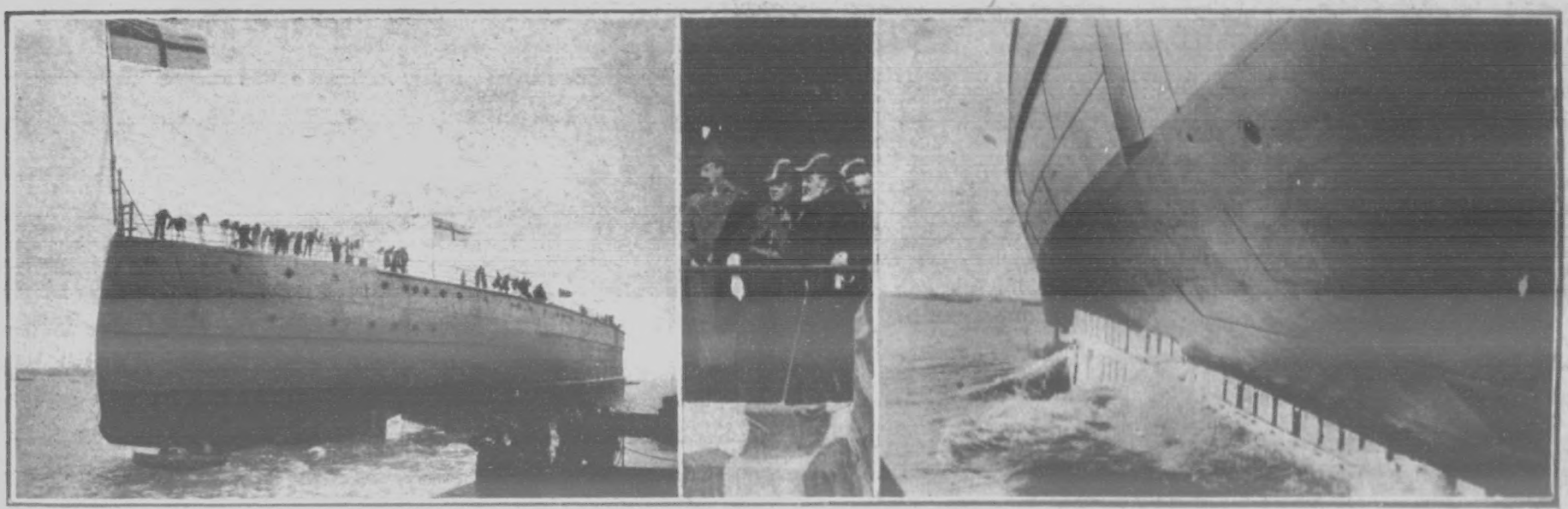
Lady Mary Hamilton to Wed the Marquis of Graham.

A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Lady Mary Hamilton, daughter of the twelfth Duke of Hamilton, and the Marquis of Graham, eldest son of the Duke of Montrose.

Photo, McClure, Macdonald & Co.

The Island Queen: Lady Mary Hamilton, the richest heiress in Great Britain, who is to marry the Marquis of Graham.

It is only a few weeks since Lady Mary Hamilton, who for twelve



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THE LAUNCHING OF THE "DREADNOUGHT" BY THE KING: Interesting snapshots taken at the launching at Portsmouth last Saturday.

Burial Mistake.

An extraordinary burial mistake is reported from Liverpool.

Two infants, from different houses, and belonging to different parents, were taken to a hospital suffering from fever. One died and was buried; the other recovered and was handed to its supposed mother.

She, however, found that the child was not hers, and inquiries showed that it was her baby which was dead, and that the living child belonged to the other woman.

An affecting scene occurred between the two women when the truth came to light.

Boy Saves an Old Friend.

A pretty story of a boy's devotion to a dog comes from Leicester. Albert Smalley, an errand boy, aged fourteen, was walking along the canal towing-path, accompanied by an old and feeble terrier belonginging to his master, when the dog fell into the water. Owing to its age and infirmities, it was unable to swim, but Smalley, who had a great affection for the animal, quickly threw off his clothing and plunged into the water.

The canal at that point was about fifty feet wide, and when the lad jumped in the dog was twenty feet from the bank and being carried

Photo., Warwicks.

The Marquis of Graham, who is to marry Lady Mary Hamilton.

AN INDIAN RAID: A train, proceeding across the prairie along the border of Mexico, and guarded by United States soldiers, was suddenly set upon by a band of Yaqui Indians last week. Twelve soldiers and eight teamsters were killed, and the train robbed and destroyed. The Indians made good their escape.

years since the death of her father had been the richest heiress in Great Britain, came of age and entered into possession of her great fortune.

Lady Mary is a comely young woman, fair, blue-eyed, tall, and slender. She is fond of the open air, is a keen sportswoman, and is worshipped by the stalwart tenantry of her Arran estates, among whom she has spent the greater part of her life.

She is an ardent follower of the hounds, and is a "Master" in her own right, having taken over the Hamilton Harriers from her step-father, Mr. Carnaby Forster.

Lady Mary is an only child. Her parents had seen eleven years of married life before she was born on November 1st, 1884, an event which was the occasion of great rejoicings among her father's tenantry.

Had she been a boy she would have been the holder of ten British and two Scottish titles, including that of Scotland's premier duke. As it is she is the wealthiest woman in Great Britain, for her father left to his daughter every scrap of his possessions which was not entailed.

An Adventurous Marquis.

The Marquis of Graham is the heir of the Duke of Montrose, and will one day own the vast estates which surround Buchanan Castle, near Glasgow. He is a distinct personality in Scottish society, and inherits the good looks of his mother, who was Miss Violet Graham, of Netherby, a sister of the late Lady Houghton, the present Earl of Crewe's first wife.

He is in his twenty-eighth year, and possesses a reputation for thoroughness held by few scions of noble houses. When quite a youth he was seized with a passion for the sea, and served two years as volunteer midshipman with the Royal Navy Training Squadron. This did not satisfy him, however, and he went into the merchant service for two years, roughing it as an able seaman, and earning his master's certificate.

He served with distinction in South Africa.

During the present General Election he unsuccessfully tried to enter Parliament as Unionist member for East Stirlingshire.

Baronet Married at 83.

A wedding to which particular interest attached took place at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady, Grove Road, St. John's Wood, last week.

The bridegroom was Sir James Langrishe, Bart., of Knocktopher Abbey, Co. Kilkenny, who is in his eighty-third year, and the bride was Miss Algitha Maud Gooch, only daughter of the late Sir Daniel Gooch, who is forty-eight years younger.

There were neither bridesmaids nor pages at the wedding. The bride wore a dress of pale violet cloth and velvet, with a large hat of the same shade trimmed with ostrich plumes. She carried a prayer-book instead of a bouquet.

The Langrishe baronetcy dates back back to 1777, and is one of the oldest in Ireland. Sir James was first married in 1857. His first wife died in 1901, leaving two sons and five daughters, the eldest of whom is Major Hercules Langrishe, who is forty-seven years of age, and therefore twelve years older than his stepmother.

WORKMEN AS PLAYERS.

Villagers Perform a Drama Without Heroine.

"The Village Players" recently delighted the inhabitants of Hildenborough, a little town between Sevenoaks and Tonbridge, in Kent, with a capable performance of an original mediæval play.

For the fourth year in succession, the working men of Hildenborough have spent the long, dull winter evenings in preparing an entertainment for the benefit of the dwellers in the neat cottages scattered around.

Labourers, grooms, gardeners, and carpenters have for months gathered night by night in the village institute, and rehearsed "The Pilgrim's Rest," written for them by Mr. Dagney Major, a London journalist.

The peculiarity about the play was that the seventeen principal parts were all for men, women being strictly excluded. It was a drama without a heroine. There was no love interest in the play, avarice being the keynote struck during the prologue and the three acts.

The names of the actors and their everyday occupations were:—

Lay Brothers: W. Pettitt (dairyman) and P. Rogers (gardener's boy).
A Monk: Thos. Williams (saddler).
A Penitent: George Ingrams (cricket-ball maker).
Simon: Thos. Williams (saddler's apprentice).
Old Jake: Percy Ingrams (cricket-ball maker).
A Lad: Master Albert Willard.
William Rudge: Mr. George Ford.
Rupert Rudge: William Burgess (blacksmith).
Ryder, a Spy: John Rich (grocer's carman).
Roger Goodman: Arthur Killick (cricket-ball maker).
Wildgoose: Frank Howell (bicycle-part maker).
Father Ambrose: George Ingram.
James Nunhead: George Cannon (Gunpowder Mills).
Canterbury Pilgrims: C. Secker (gardener), P. Rogers, G. Killick.
An Officer: Wm. Day (coal carter).

The scenery was painted locally by Mr. Johnston, of "The Mountains," the properties made by the villagers, and the incidental music composed by the local organist, while the managerial duties were undertaken by the local schoolmaster and the local postmaster.

The play opens with monks chanting Gregorian music in Minster Monastery. A refugee from justice arrives, and is accorded sanctuary.

Thirty-five years later, the penitent, now become the Abbot of the monastery, learns that he did not kill his brother as he supposed. Disguised, he seeks his brother, whom he finds in deep distress, and is just in time to save his nephew, who has been arrested for high treason, and to ensure the punishment of the villain.

Thus virtue triumphs, vice is defeated, and the curtain comes down to triumphant music and the plaudits of the delighted Hildenborough folk.

The rustic actors entered thoroughly into the spirit of the play, which went with considerable swing throughout.

The performance has been repeated at Tonbridge, Penshurst, and Sevenoaks.

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WORKING MEN AS ACTORS: A Scene from the Play

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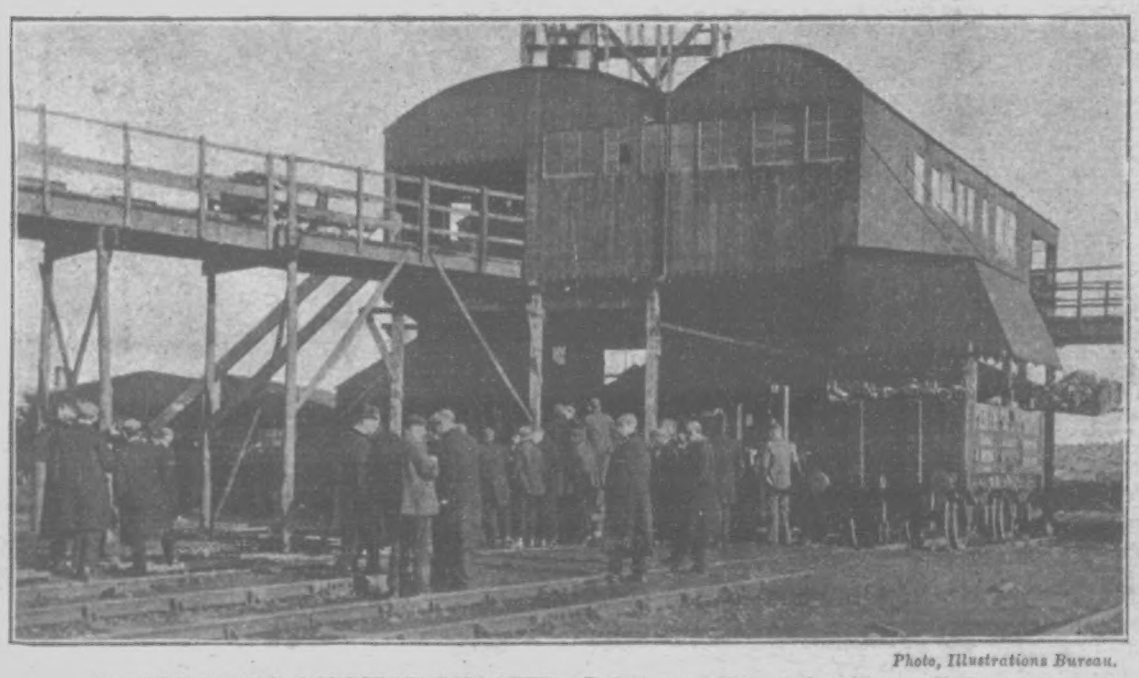

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CLACKMANNAN COLLIERY DISASTER: Relatives waiting at the pit's mouth for news.

A King's Hundred Dancers.

A Paris correspondent writes that King Sisowath, of Cambodia, is coming to Paris next month, and will bring with him a numerous retinue, including a special troupe of 100 dancers.

Cost of Battling with the Sea.

At the conference, at which the encroachments of the sea were discussed, it was stated that Bridlington had spent £100,000 to protect one mile of coast on the north side of the harbour, a sum which was in excess of the total rateable value of the town by over £10,000. Filey is in a still worse position, for its annual repayments of principal and interest for similar works amount to a rate of 1s. 1½d. in the pound.

P.I.P. SNAPSHOTS.

The London County Councillors have been sealing *l'entente cordiale* by a lavish distribution of kisses to Parisian damsels. On their next visit all married councillors will be accompanied by their wives.

An advertiser in a cycling paper wishes to exchange a "gent's tandem" (valued at £5) for "a lady's safety and cash, or two ladies." It appears to be a "fair" exchange.

The *Evening Standard* is informing its readers on "How to Find a Flat." We hear that certain shady company promoters have written indignant letters to the Editor on finding that the advice referred to a domicile.

The rumour that Mr. George Edwardes is giving a special farmyard matinee at the Gaiety to witness "The Spring Chicken" is contradicted.

Neither is there any truth in the statement that next Saturday's performance of "A Royal Divorce" will be exclusively for the President and Members of the Bar of the Divorce Court.

The "Human Bullet," now appearing at the Hippodrome, seems to have hit the public taste.

"The Bending of a Twig," Mr. Desmond Coke's story of Shrewsbury School will, it is rumoured, be followed by "Lyttleton's Little Lot," a tale of Eton College.

Against a fishmonger, remanded at Brentford last week, it was alleged that, though he failed to maintain his family, he found time to take a prominent part in politics, and had been a candidate for Hanwell Council. Surely "Council" should read "Asylum"!

Parliamentary members of the London County Council who have crossed and recrossed the Channel under somewhat trying conditions have resolved to actively support the Channel tunnel scheme.

The Billericay Sparrow Club boasts that it has destroyed 64,000 sparrows in eight seasons. What noble warriors these must be!

By a fire at a shop in New Buckenham (Norfolk) the cash in the till was melted. This is not the first time we have heard of money melting away.

CRITICUS.

IN THE WORKHOUSE. STRIKING PHOTOS OF PAUPER LIFE.

Photos, Illustrations Bureau.

The Wandsworth Board of Guardians provide for the pauper homes at Tooting all kinds of games. There are two billiard tables, and bridge, nap, and all fours are enjoyed, as well as dominoes. It is now proposed to give them a concert room.

Humours of the Bench and Bar.

Some amusing examples of "Judge's Wit" are given by Viscount St. Cyres in the *Cornhill*. Scotland has always been celebrated for her eccentric judges, and high place among them must be given to Lord Justice Clerk Eskgrove. He never failed (Lord St. Cyres says) to signalise himself when passing sentence of death, and his peculiarities were intensified by a most remarkable pronounciation. One day he had to sentence some housebreakers, and began by explaining the various crimes of which they had been convicted—assault, robbery, and hamsucken, of which last he gave them the etymology.

He then reminded them that they had attacked the house and robbed it, and so worked gradually up to the climax. "All this you did, and, God preserve us, joost when they were settin' down to their denner!"

Another time he had to sentence a man to death for murdering a soldier. "Not only," said the judge, "did you murder him, whereby he was berea-ved of his life, but you did thrust, or push, or pierce, or propell the leth-all weapon through the belly-band of his breeches, which were His Majesty's." And there must have been something great about a judge who was in the habit of thus demolishing a prisoner's defence: "And so, gentlemen, having shown you that the pan-el's argument is totally impossib-ill, I shall now proceed to show you that it is extremely improbab-ill."

Wits have abounded at the English Bar. There was Sir George Rose, for instance, the witty Master in Chancery, who first commended himself to attorneys by his wit at a punning judge. "Do you not see, gentlemen," Rose said to the jury, "that my lord, before trying my client, has tried a joke and reserved the point?" Another day he was condoling with a friend who had suffered terrible things from mal de mer while on his way to take up a colonial judgeship. "It was a mercy," said Sir George, "that you did not throw up your appointment."

Photo, Illustrations Bureau.

A QUIET GAME OF CARDS.

Blown Into Mid-Air in an Alpine Hurricane.

Dr Geehrs, of Mulhouse, Germany, a well-known climber, has just had a terrible Alpine experience.

Accompanied by the guides Bener and Max Augdenblatten, he left Zermatt in cold but beautiful weather to make the first ascent of the Stahlhorn, a difficult peak, 12,400ft. high, in the Mischabel range. The party reached the summit in safety, and, after a short rest, commenced the descen

About a quarter of an hour from the top a terrific hurricane was encountered. The guides dug their piolets into the ice and held on. The wind raged furiously around them, sweeping away everything in its path.

Dr. Geehrs was blown off the slope into space time after time, but was dragged back by the guides to firm ground in each case and only with the greatest efforts.

If the rope had broken the doctor would have been hurled 4,000ft. below on to the glacier, of which he caught several glimpses while helpless in the air.

After half an hour the hurricane abated somewhat, and the three climbers, crawling on their hands and knees, and moving only one at a time, reached a sheltered spot, where they rested, and later made their way down to Zermatt.

Everything they had with them (even their clothing) was frozen hard as wood. The terrible strain of clinging on to the exposed slope had kept their bodies warm and saved them from being frozen to death in the glacial hurricane. When they arrived at Zermatt they could hardly walk or speak.

Photos, Illustrations Bureau.

THE VETERANS TAKE A HAND AT CARDS.

BAGATELLE IS PLAYED WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM.

THE WORLD OF PASTIME.

FOOTBALL.

With no Cup ties to interfere, League football resumed its wonted sway last Saturday. Nine matches were played in the First Division, and of these three were drawn, five were won by the home clubs, while the solitary success of a visiting side was at Derby, where Liverpool beat the County on the Baseball Ground. In the Second Division ten matches were played, and the Southern League furnished nine encounters. Add to these the Amateur Cup, the Dunn Cup, and the Rugby International at Leicester, and it will be readily seen that last Saturday was a busy day among footballers.

Woolwich Arsenal just managed to back-mark Wolverhampton Wanderers at Plumstead, but by no stretch of imagination could it be said to be a good performance. They won by 2 goals to 1, and were undoubtedly the better side, but at no time did they please their friends, and they will have to do a lot better to remain in the First Division. Sheffield Wednesday had Aston Villa for opponents at Owlerton, and the points were halved, 2 goals being secured by either side, but the home team had a little the better of the play.

The visit of the League leaders to Derby to meet the County was not expected to provide such a one-sided game as that which resulted, Liverpool winning with ease by 3 goals to nil. No goals were scored in the match between Manchester City and Preston North End, the latter of whom easily hold the lead in drawn games. Everton entertained Sheffield United at Goodison Park, the margin being 3 goals to 2 in favour of the home side, and at Roker Park, Sunderland just had the better of Stoke by 1 goal to nil.

Bury and Middlesbrough drew at 1 goal each on the ground of the first-named, though Bury came very near to taking the lead towards the close. Notts Forest, playing on their own ground, gained the points at the expense of Newcastle United, the final score being 2 goals to 1, while at Birmingham the City club proved too good for Notts County, and beat them by 4 goals to 2. Wretched weather prevailed at all the grounds, but Blackburn appears to have suffered most, for the playing pitch was so swamped that the referee ordered the match between Blackburn Rovers and Bolton Wanderers to be postponed.

London's two clubs in the Second Division met with disaster, Chelsea, who were at one time in the running for promotion, meeting with a serious set back by Hull City. Earlier in the season the Stamford Bridge men had beaten the Yorkshire team at home with some ease, and, despite the journey north, they expected to win the return. It was a heavy-scoring game, and Hull City won by the odd goal in 7, but Chelsea were unlucky. Clapton Orient have struck a very bad patch, and on Saturday they were defeated by Barnsley by 4 goals to 1. Bristol City went to West Bromwich and beat the Albion by 3 goals to 1, a result which enhances the Westerners' chances for promotion to the First Division.

In the Southern League, West Ham United gave one of their brilliant scoring displays against Norwich City, and, aided by a lot of luck, beat them by 6 goals to 1. It must not be assumed that the Upton Park team completely smothered their rivals, but they took advantage of every chance that came their way, while their rivals failed badly in front of goal, or the result would have been a much closer one. Millwall did very well to beat New Brompton at Gillingham by 1 goal to nil, but the weather was of the worst, and the less said about the play the better.

Watford gained a splendid victory over Southampton by 4 goals to 1—quite their best performance of the present season. The veteran John Goodall made a reappearance, and Fred Spikesley, playing for the first time since his engagement, had not a little to do with his new club's victory. Another game prolific in goal-scoring was that between Reading and Northampton at Elm Park. Here, again, the weather was so bad that the referee contemplated stopping the play, but the game was completed, and Reading scored 6 goals without a response.

Queen's Park Rangers entertained Tottenham Hotspur at Park Royal, and drew the match, but the home team were fortunate not to be beaten, their salvation being Tottenham's bad shooting. This is a fault that the ex-Cupholders would do well to take into serious consideration, for on Monday they were beaten by Fulham from exactly the same cause. Brentford were at Craven Cottage on Saturday, and went under to Fulham, who beat them by 2 goals to nil, and up to date Fulham head the League table, with Tottenham Hotspur second and Southampton third.

Bristol Rovers, by virtue of a victory by 3 goals to 2 over Luton, occupy fourth position, probably to the envy of Portsmouth, who had their undefeated home record besmirched by Swindon. Such a result was anything but expected by even the most ardent of Swindon's supporters, but the fact remains that the "Railway men" won by 2 goals to 1. And they are very proud of their feat. In a game in which individualism largely entered, Brighton and Hove Albion drew with Plymouth Argyle, no goals being scored.

To-morrow (Saturday) two great events in the Association programme are down for decision. I refer to the International between England and Ireland at Belfast and the University match at Queen's Club. Unfortunately for England, Vivian Woodward cannot play, and Brown, the Sheffield United centre forward, will act as "pivot." How he will fare between Stanley Harris and Sammy Day remains to be seen, but I think our team is strong enough to win. On the 'Varsity match, I offer no comment. The rival teams have been very unsettled, and, though both have excellent players, neither side can be confident of success.

In the Rugby world, it would appear as though England has leased the "wooden-spoon." Wales soundly thrashed us at Cardiff, and now Ireland has rubbed it in at Leicester, the Shamrock beating the Rose at the Midland town by 16 points to 6. The English team will want a lot of strengthening, especially at three-quarter, if they are to stand a chance with Scotland for the Calcutta Cup, though where the material is to come from is probably a question that the Rugby Union Committee cannot answer.

ATHLETICS and CYCLING.

The approach of the Cross-country Championships is always brought vividly to the notice of the follower of the sport when the ten miles level races come along. Experience has taught cross-country managers that they are the surest guide to the teams. In the Club Championships the South will, as usual, play a leading part, and those of us who indulged in the

Photo, Illustrations Bureau.

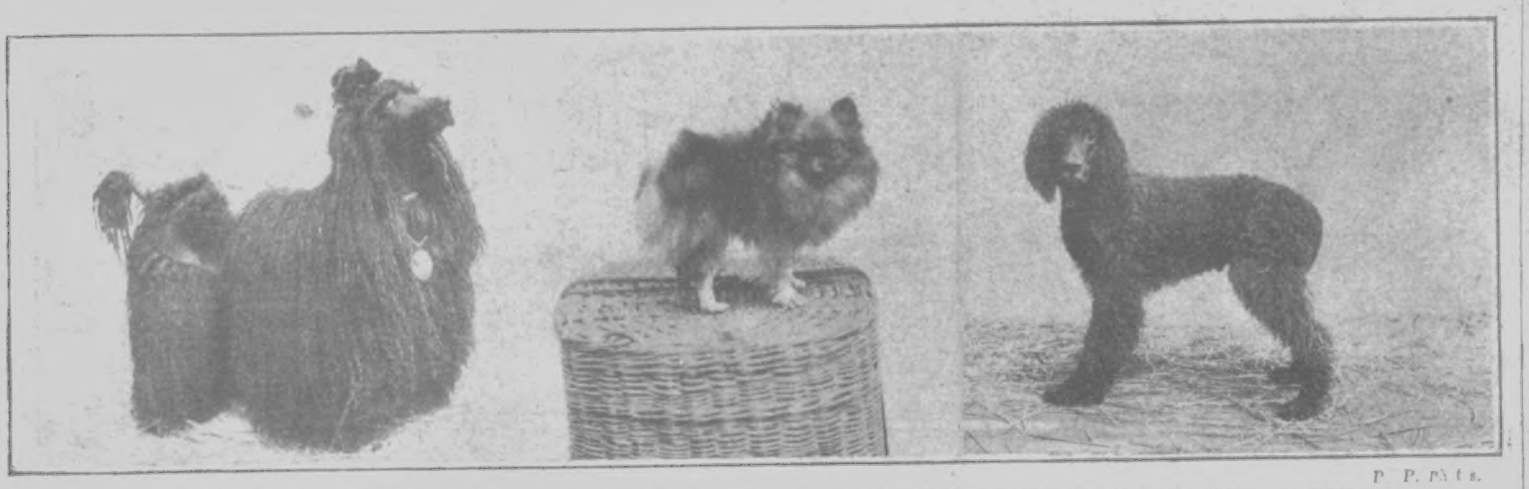
ASTON VILLA BEAT PLYMOUTH ARGYLE BY 5 GOALS TO 1: Twenty thousand spectators witnessed this replayed cup-tie.

P.I.P. Photo.

IRELAND BEAT ENGLAND BY 16 POINTS TO 6: England tackling.

P.I.P. Photo.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR v. QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS: The game ending in a goal-less draw. Our photo shows the Rangers pressing hard.



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CURIOUS DOGS SEEN AT CRUFT'S DOG SHOW AT THE AGRICULTURAL HALL THIS WEEK.
1. Corded Poodle. 2. Pomeranian. 3. Irish Water Spaniel.

Sport of the Week in Photos.

P.I.P. Photos.

HOCKEY: Oxford and Cambridge v. London. 1. An awkward slip. 2. Vaintres pressing.

pastime, say, twenty years ago, rejoice in the fact, for it is due to the dogged perseverance of the old-timers, who generally faced the starter without any hope of winning, that the South owes its present flattering position.

Last Saturday the Thames Hare and Hounds visited Cambridge for the purpose of competing with the 'Varsity over the Gog Magog Course, which is, roughly speaking, seven miles in extent. The race was a very exciting one, and at the counting of the figures it was seen that the visitors had just won by the lower score of 27 points to 28. In justice to the losers it should be mentioned that they only had two Blues in the field, but they supplied the first man home in A. H. Pearson (Queen's College), who won the inter-'Varsity contest last December. He finished over a minute in front of H. C. Hawtry, of the Thames, his time being 46 mins. 45 secs.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital have again won the United Hospitals Hare and Hounds Challenge Cup. The course used was the ten miles over the Blackheath country, and G. C. Birt (St. Thomas'), as was expected, scored a ready win, his time being 64 mins. 10 secs. C. R. Woodruff (St. Bartholomew's) was second, and R. McLinnell (London), third. St. Bart's scored 11 points, London 22 points, and Guy's 36 points. There was a sealed handicap in conjunction with the local race, and this was won by Woodruff, with the liberal allowance of 6 mins. 30 secs.

Only a small field competed for the Thornton Challenge Cup, held by the South London Harriers over a ten miles course from South Croydon. There was only a small number of competitors, doubtless owing to the bad weather, but the racing was interesting enough. F. A. Spencer was first man home, his time being 70 mins. 1 sec., J. L. Churchill was second, while F. A. Knott and P. A. Casserley ran a dead heat for third place. The sealed handicap was won by J. L. Churchill

The Highgate Harriers held a ten miles level race, to which was attached a sealed handicap, in the neighbourhood of Bowes Park and Enfield. G. Pearce won the scratch race in 57 mins. 33 secs., rather too fast over country for the distance, good man as Pearce is. G. Still was second, J. G. Coughlin third, T. Johnston fourth, J. A. Pearce fifth, and C. J. Harris sixth. The handicap was won by G. Still, who had a start of 6 mins.

Alfred Shrubb, who has been running at Olympia since he was declared a professional, has signified his willingness to make a match with G. B. Tincler over two miles, the race to be run at Olympia on the 24th inst. Shrubb is also prepared to accept A. Nelson's challenge to run a three miles match, provided a suitable date can be arranged.

HOCKEY.

Of what have been undeservedly termed the "outside games" hockey has become a serious rival to golf. More interest will be taken in the game in Scotland now that the representatives of the Thistle have won an "International." Last Saturday the first Scottish victory was achieved at the expense of Wales, who were beaten by 3 goals to 1—a result which was largely brought about by the weakness of the Welsh defence.

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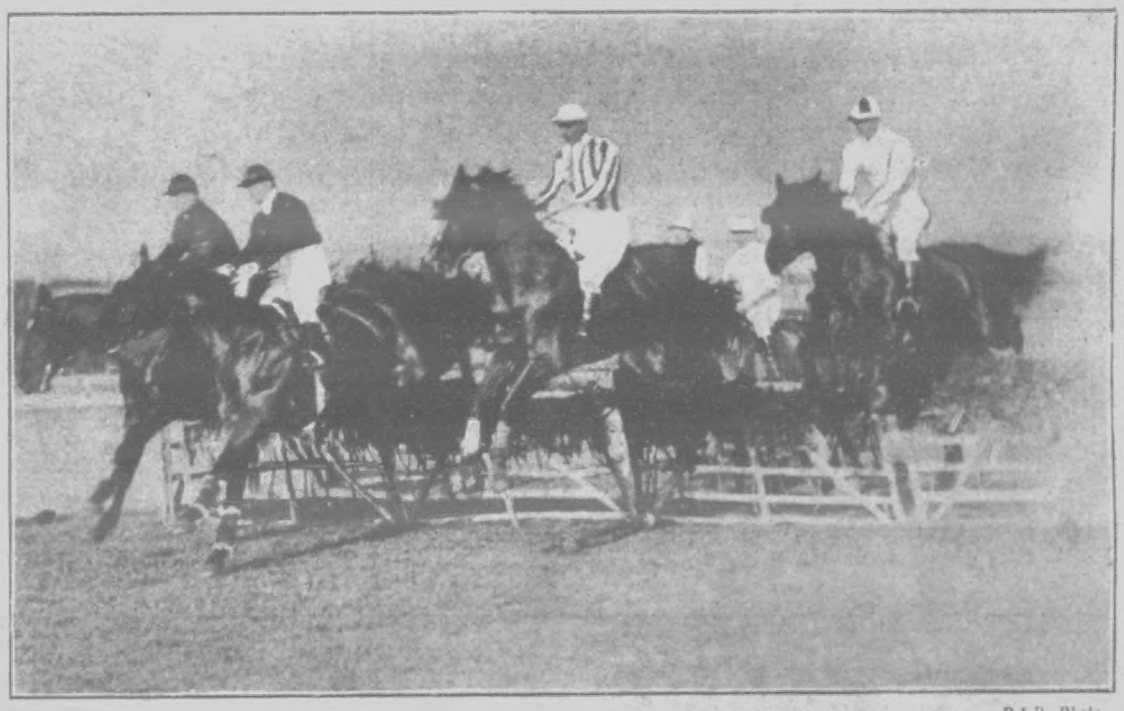
LADIES' HOCKEY: West v. North, at Cheltenham. North won by 6 goals to 2.



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SANDOWN PARK RACES: Sandown Grand Prize Hurdle Race The first hurdle.

Photo, Park.

PLOUGHING BY COMPASS: Captain Sycamore, who sailed Sir Thomas Lipton's "Shamrock," ploughed a field by the aid of a compass and won the prize.

Is Your Skin Perfectly Healthy?

THERE is no difficulty in answering this question. If your skin is red, rough, dry, or harsh, this is clear evidence that it is not perfectly healthy. If you have chaps on your hands, cracked lips, chapped skin, or chilblains, this constitutes clear proof of ill-health of the skin. If you have eczema, psoriasis, or other severe skin ailments, or your children have nettlerash, breakings out of any kind upon the skin, or similar troubles, there can be no doubt that the skin is unhealthy and that means must be speedily adopted to restore it to perfect health.

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P.I.P. FARMER AND GARDENER.

Clover as Egg Producer.

Experience has often demonstrated the value of clover for egg-producing. Clover has just the material in it to form egg-shell, hence it becomes an essential part of every ration given to the fowls. It may not be generally understood that there are nearly 30lb. of lime contained in each 1,000lb. of clover. The hens and pullets fed daily with clover will consequently prove better egg-layers than those denied it. The clover hay should be given to fowls in winter in quantities sufficient to satisfy them, and to make them eat more it is desirable sometimes to prepare it in various ways. Cook and chop it, and mix it with meal or other stuff. This will sometimes induce the hens to consume a great amount of clover every day. Cut into short lengths and mixed with warm mash, and then given only as fast as the fowls will clean it up each day, is probably the most economical way to supply the clover. Some people cut the second crop of clover and place it in the poultry-yard for the birds to eat and scratch over at pleasure. This of itself is all right, but it is rather wasteful. More than half the clover will be lost, and the fowls do not actually eat much more than the leaves. The stalks contain most of the lime, and these should be prepared so that the birds will consume them. Of all the foods that can be raised on a farm for poultry, clover is not only the best, but probably the cheapest, and a field of it is as essential to success as a pasture field is necessary to the success of dairying.

A Greenhouse Defined.

The greenhouse, says a writer in the *Garden Home*, as distinguished from the conservatory, is generally filled with plants in a preparatory stage, with the idea of transferring them to the conservatory when at their best. At the present season, Roman hyacinths, lilies of the valley, paper-white narcissus, and early tulips are being regularly supplied for decoration, whilst primulas, lilac, cytisus, Deutzias, spiræas, hyacinths, later tulips, and narcissus of all sorts are being pushed along to take their turn from now to Easter, according to the requirements of the establishment. Freezias, too, being brought along in heat, are just showing their very pretty and dainty spikes of bloom. Useful grapes may be grown in such a house, as well as a great number of plants. Camellias, ferns, and fine-foliaged begonias succeed admirably under vines in summer, while spring-flowering plants will flourish before the vines are in leaf. The cold frames will be of great service for relieving the house of bedding plants in the spring, for growing cucumbers in the summer, and for protecting lettuces or calceolaria cuttings in the autumn and winter. Frames are also valuable for growing Cinerarias, calceolarias, primulas, and other plants during the summer months, and are much better for this purpose than are greenhouses in hot weather, particularly if they are arranged so as to have plenty of light but little sun.

Photo, Bolal.

ARE ZEBRAS "QUIET TO RIDE AND DRIVE"?: These quaint animals have recently arrived in Berlin from German East Africa, and have so far proved themselves suitable for use in the streets, both for riding and in harness.

Cucumbers.

The present will do well for the sowing of the seeds of cucumbers for early spring of fruit for market, and it may be out of place to give a hint or two about the way in which this work should be done. It may be thought that anyone can raise a cucumber plant from seed, but we know that many make a poor job of it, and that through not adopting the best methods many seeds are wasted, and where they do come up many of the plants are poor attenuated things that rarely get away properly when planted out. The first necessity is a cucumber-house or propagating pit, in which a heat of 75deg. to 80deg. can be maintained, and a bottom heat of 85deg. If 1,000 plants are wanted, then quite 1,200 seeds should be sown, as no matter how good the seeds may be, there are sure to be a good many seedlings which a good grower will reject. We like a soil composed of three parts light fresh loam, half a part good fibrous peat rubbed through a ¾in. sieve, and the remainder made up of leaf mould and sharp sand. To every bushel of this compost a 48-pot full of air-slaked lime should be well mixed in. Small 60-pots should be crocked and be filled with this soil to within ½in. of their rims. The soil should be made nicely moist, and then be raised to the temperature of the house. Then the seeds should be sown one in each pot, putting the sed in edgeways and covering it about ¾in. with soil. The pots should be plunged to the rims in ashes or cocoanut fibre refuse, and the whole be covered with 1in. of moss that has been previously well scalded to destroy insects. If the temperature is kept steady at as near 80deg. as posible every seed that is of any use will be up in three days. Care must be taken to remove the moss the moment the seeds peep through the soil, and every seed with a deformed cotyledon should be rogued out at once without a moment's hesitation. The plants should be stood on raised benches within 15in. of the glass and be kept watered and sprayed, all water for both purposes being of the same temperature as the house.

Photo. Illustrations Bureau.

IN THE FLOWER FIELDS OF FRANCE: Peasant women gathering crocuses for the market.

Photo, Bristow-Noble.

A PRETTY COUNTRY SCENE: Early lambs in Sussex.

REPLIES IN BRIEF.

J. W. (Kensington).—Thank you very much.

D. L. (Kennington).—See reply below to J. B. (Bowerchalke).

A. Baker (Bourton, Dorset).—Thank you for you letter. I have noted what you say, and will do my best.

M. G. W. (Colwyn Bay).—I am endeavouring to trace the address for you, and will post it on to you if I get it.

A. H. (Longton, near Preston).—Thank you for your encouraging letter and list. I have replied to your inquiry by post.

J. Hodges (Worcester).—Thank you very much for all you are doing for the paper and for your kind opinion. Letters such as yours are most encouraging.

Eustace (Newmarket, Co. Cork).—The gentleman who gave £100,000 for the new Salvation Army Colony was Mr. George Herring. His address is 1, Hamilton Place, London, W.

J. B. (Bowerchalke, Salisbury).—I do not know anything about the conditions myself, but would advise your writing to the address given at the time, namely, Mr. Colingwood Charlton, 1, Orwell Terrace, Dovercourt.

M. W.—Commissions in the Army are not purchased now, but an officer needs private means to keep up his position. No, purchasing was abolished some twenty or thirty years ago by Mr. Gladstone.

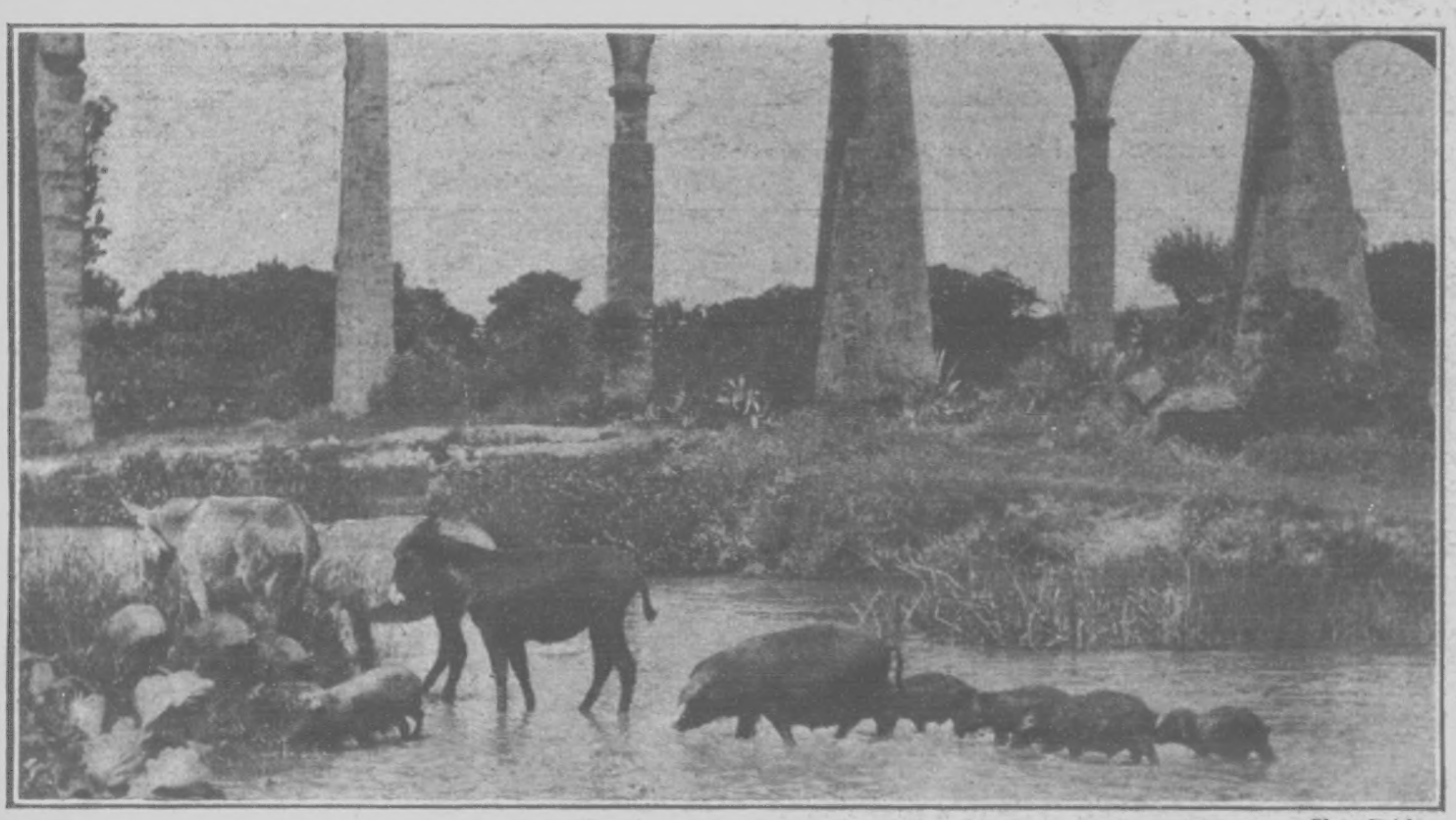
Mechanic.—Yes; if you will send along to me full particulars of your ideas for an invention, I will hand them over to the Invention Expert of *Smith's Weekly*, and he will communicate with you. No charge is made for advice.

Layman.—The clergy of the Church of England are not paid by the State. Many newspapers publish complete lists of the deacons and priests ordained each year. They appear the day after the ordinations, which generally take place on Sunday morning.

T. M. (Sheffield).—There is such a thing as imprisonment for debt. You should consult a solicitor without delay. I make it a rule never to give advice on legal matters. A very useful book, entitled "Legal Advice for Everybody," price 1s. (Pearson's), would no doubt help you.

Alien.—If you have resided in the United Kingdom or been in the service of the Crown for not less than five years, and intend, when naturalised, to live and work in this country, you can apply for a certificate to the Secretary of State, who will grant it upon receiving proper evidence in support of the application. Naturalisation entitles an alien to all the rights and privileges of a British subject.

S. D. H.—No; Mr. John Burns will only receive the salary of £2,000 a year while he is in office and while the Liberal Government lasts. He will not be entitled to a pension until he has given several years' service.



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AT THE FORD: A curious snapshot of three donkeys and a sow with her litter crossing a stream.

The Re-opening of Parliament. Trials of a New M.P.

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EARLY IN THE SESSION HE RECEIVES A VISIT FROM SOME OF HIS CONSTITUENTS WHO REMARK THAT THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATURE, AND SUGGEST IT IS TIME HE MADE A SPEECH ABOUT SOMETHING
CONSOLATION. (TEA ON THE TERRACE.)
ORDER! ORDER!! — HE ATTEMPTS TO LEAVE THE HOUSE WITH HIS HAT ON
HE IS PREVENTED FROM VOTING IN THE WRONG LOBBY BY THE TIMELY INTERVENTION OF A "WHIP"
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P. I. P. PLAYGOER.

The most unique event in the theatrical world last week was the invitation by Mr. James Welch to a jury of shop girls to criticise the play now running at Terry's Theatre. He accommodated his critics according to the priority of their application, till every seat, from floor to ceiling, had been appropriated. The invitation had been issued because some shop girls had chosen to take exception to a phrase spoken by one of the characters, an assistant in the shop of Mr. Roland Stubbs—the heroic Stubbs. In a petulant moment she exclaims, "What is the good of being virtuous in a shop?" criticism of "The Heroic Stubbs," written by an accredited shop assistant invited to the matinée.

Mr. George Edwardes has determined to give the theatrical managers no ground for offence in the production of his Easter review. It will contain only six characters—including Miss Sybil Arundale and Mr. Harry Grattan—and will play only half an hour.

Arrangements have now been completed by Mr. Philip Yorke for the visit to London of the famous Band

Photo, Bassano.

"THE HEROIC STUBBS" AT TERRY'S THEATRE: Mr. James Welch and Miss Gertrude Kingston.

At the performance, strangely enough, the fateful sentence around which all the dispute has raged was allowed to pass with only a gasp of recognition here and there in the audience. It came unexpectedly, perhaps, and, before the audience realised its significance, the chance of registering their assent or dissent had gone. The critics are to have another opportunity to voice their opinion of this phrase, and, in fact, upon all the details of shopland introduced into the play. Prizes, in the form of a lady's costume and a pair of Piccadilly boots, are offered for the best

Photo, Play Pictorial.

MISS MINNIE BAKER, who is playing in "The Spring Chicken" at the Gaiety Theatre.

cians in France. It is specially noted for its performances of classical music, but lighter pieces are not omitted from its programmes. The conductor, M. Gabriel Pares, has a world-wide reputation, both as a conductor and composer. He is the son of a former member of the band.

The Band of the Garde Republicaine is already well known to the English public. Its first appearance in London was at the International Exhibition of 1871. Since then it has visited London twice, in 1879 and 1884, and has always met with the same enthusiastic reception. Many excellent authorities are of opinion that it is the finest military band in existence. Its great reputation dates from 1867, when it shared the First Grand Prize with the bands of the Duke of Wurtemberg's Austrian Regiment and the United Regiments of the Prussian Royal and Grenadier Guards.

The Republicaine Garde is incorporated with the Gendarmerie, and the members of the band cannot, properly speaking, be placed in quite the same category with other military bands. They are all trained artistes, have all studied at the Paris Conservatoire, and many of them are laureates. Moreover, they are at liberty to lodge and board where they please and to dispose of their free time as they please. The orchestra at the Grand Opera, the great Lamoureux, and Colonne concerts, as well as many others of less renown, owe their excellence to the fact that they are largely recruited from among the members of the Band of the Garde Republicaine. The band will arrive in London on Friday next, and a reception and dinner worthy of these celebrated musicians is now being arranged, and a reception committee of influential gentlemen is being formed.

Mr. Martin Harvey has secured the English-speaking rights of a comedy in four acts, called "The Rapparee Trooper," written by Messrs. B. M. Dix and E. G. Sutherland. The period selected is that of

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"The Little Cherub": Mr. George Carroll as Ethelbert.

the fierce parliamentary struggle of the seventeenth century between Cavaliers and Roundheads, and the piece affords Mr. Harvey an opportunity of appearing in what I understand is a very effective part. Mr. E. G. Sutherland, one of the authors, is no new hand at stage-work, and will be remembered as one of the authors of that other successful romantic play, "Monsieur Beaucaire."

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"THE LITTLE CHERUB" AT THE PRINCE OF WALES' THEATRE: A dainty scene.

THE EDITOR TO HIS FRIENDS.

The *Dreadnought*, the biggest battleship in the world, has been launched at a cost of something like a couple of million pounds. At a time when everyone is running us down—and nothing one more than ourselves—when everyone is declaring that England, to use a Yankee phrase, is "a back number," it is pleasant to be able to pat ourselves on the back, and declare that, at any rate, Britannia still rules the waves.

All the same, I cannot help recalling to mind a reference made by Sir Oliver Lodge, at a meeting of the British Association some two or three years ago, to the difference between the amount of money we spend in battleships and the amount we spend on education.

Really we are a funny nation, when you come to think of it—a topsy-turvy sort of nation. Has it ever struck you how disgracefully we underpay the majority of our schoolmasters and our clergy? We must spend millions on our Navy and millions on our Army, and more millions on our railways, and our tramways and one thing and another, and we must have absolutely the finest experts money can buy to look after them for us. But nobody cares a hang who looks after our brains or our souls. Anyone will do for that.

Archdeacon Sinclair declared on Sunday that a large portion of the clergy are improperly fed and sometimes almost on the verge of starvation. More than half the incumbents in England are in receipt of less than £130 a year, and a great number of these men have not enough to eat. Many of them, in extremely cold weather, have no fuel to keep themselves warm. And I know that three-quarters of the schoolmasters of Great Britain are worse off than the average artisan. What sort of a nation can we be to do these things?

There are a few things we can learn from Germany and from Japan, and the proper appreciation of the value of education, and the necessity of properly-paid and properly-qualified teachers to give it us, is one of them.

I am glad to see that the popular Bishop of London, preaching last Sunday at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, gave his testimony to the enormous power for good to the community which may be wielded by the actors and actresses in our theatres. A popular actor preaches to thousands whom the clergy can never reach. The Bishop admitted that during his labours in the East-end of London he had himself "dragged thousands from the public-houses by preparing excellent plays for them."

In another portion of this issue of the *P.I.P.* you will find some excellent pictures and descriptive letterpress of a very interesting experiment which had been carried out annually for some years in a little Kentish village. I refer to the players of Hildenborough. Every winter a play, dealing with some historic incident of mediæval days, is written by one of the local residents, and the music for it is composed by the village choirmaster. All the scenery is painted locally, and all the players are genuine working-men, labourers, carpenters, saddlers, and others, residing in the neighbourhood of the village.

Knowing from experience the tedium of existence during the winter months in a small country village, I can especially commend this excellent attempt to give the people something to do and something to think about that combines amusement with a considerable amount of genuine instruction. It is a pity that similar small amateur dramatic clubs cannot be organised in every country district each winter. It is far better than a debating club, because it gives the man of small talents as great an opportunity of being useful as the more clever one.

It would be good for the theatre, too, because with the birth of a new class of players there would be bound to come an infusion of new and healthier ideas.

For want of space, I am obliged to keep these notes of mine rather shorter than usual this week. The "Doings in Town" will be found on page 104.

VALENTIA STEER.

Eugene Stratton in the character of "The Coon that never told a lie," at the London Coliseum.

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"WELL DONE, TERRY!"

"No depth at all," growled Kit. "The rain came heavy, and it's coming heavy, but it won't put so much water into the river as to fright. The storm ain't goin' the right way."

It was moving down instead of up stream, and consequently most of the heavy rainfall would be drained into the river below the ford. Leckburn was not afraid of an [illegible] attack. Kanarphes could [illegible] wait his time.

A negro, his naked body shining with rain, brought him a message from Peter Gay, the scout. The Mysterious Army had pitched their tents on that side, too. It was a siege. One by one the men, soaked and utterly miserable, stretched themselves out and tried to [illegible]

The thunder began to grumble and growl in the distance, the flashes grew weaker and less frequent. Rain fell still for a time. When the storm was past, four feet of water covered the dritt, and the darkness was as black as ink.

"King." Leckburn shook the sleeping man. "Wake up, King."

Kit sprang to his feet.

"Yes, my lord," he said promptly. "None of those fellows have come back."

Leckburn had sent out five native scouts, though there was little hope of them gleaning any information. He had told them to return and report in an hour.

"That's all right, my lord," said Kit. "You needn't worry about them. They hate rain, and they hate cold. They've crawled into some dry corner for a snooze."

[illegible] they've been [illegible]

[illegible] What, catch a [illegible] this? Nothing [illegible] could do it. These [illegible] but they are big liars and as lazy as sin. They'll come back and spin you a long yarn about nothing. That's their way."

Leckburn looked out. Dawn was beginning to break behind the peaks. A chilly breeze blew up the muddy ravine. Nothing was more cheer[illegible]

[illegible] shrugged his shoulders.

"Not a nice place to get buried in, is it, my lord?" said Kit.

"Well, I may have seen prettier ones. It is certainly rather miserable."

"Grumbling still, Ned," drawled them. "What is the matter now?"

"Nothing, old chap, except that you might have found a nicer spot for us to end our lives in."

"But I do not intend to have any of our lives ended here if I can help it," drawled the millionaire. "They will shoot lyddite at us as soon as it is light. You are fond of lyddite, Leckburn."

[illegible] firing it—or, at least, on the right side of that particular gun. Otherwise I detest lyddite. By Jove, how cold it is!"

"It will be warm enough presently," drawled the millionaire, "warm enough even to satisfy you. Our friend the Egyptian, is an early riser. He will soon be saying 'Good-morning' to us."

"By thunder, he's started already," said Kit, as the note of a bugle reached them.

The light suddenly brightened, but the sky was thick with angry clouds, and mist was rising. Garth and Leckburn climbed the cliff together. The camp of the hosts of Vor was enveloped in fog.

"Do you think we could get through with the fog to help us, my lord?"

"I was wondering, Ned," drawled Graydon Garth. "I fear not. To an attacking force, fog is generally a [illegible] Kanarphes will not allow us to slip through his fingers so easily; the fog

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Photo, Bassano.

Mr. Sydney Brough in "The Heroic Stubbs" at Terry's Theatre.

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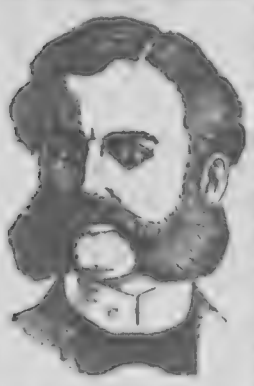

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THE WORLD OF WOMEN.

On Millinery.

Feathers are notably to the fore in all the early spring millinery, and they are so softening to the face and so universally becoming that it is a fact which is a matter of congratulation. Very picturesque are the plumed hats with small brims and little round crowns of silk or satin, yet there is an air of smartness about them, too, which enables them to be worn with equal success, whether in conjunction with a somewhat severe type of tailor-made costume or an artistic visiting gown.

The new straws offer a bewildering variety of choice, and Dame Fashion

Photo, Bunnett.

"Chums": A Charming Child Study.

has kindly arranged that their curves and colours shall be suited to all types of beauty, while the prices this season seem on every hand to be particularly moderate. I noticed some charming floral toques, priced at 5s. and upwards, blue, violet, white, and scarlet being the prevailing tints, and these cheap and pretty hats were not shapes merely, necessitating further expense in the way of ribbon or other additional decoration, but they were fully trimmed in themselves, and ready for wearing.

Lace veils will be much in request for millinery purposes, and I advise all my readers who wish to renovate last season's headgear to adopt this method of doing so. Last summer's veil, or even a piece of very transparent lace artistically shaped over an old straw will work wonders. New trimming is not, as a rule, to be recommended for the improvement of an old hat, unless under exceptional circumstances, for it frequently has the effect of rendering the foundation shabbier, and, if a new shape must be subsequently purchased to correspond with the new trimming, it is frequently a cause of disappointment, as possibly a totally different scheme in style and colour might have been preferred if chosen together in the original instance without reference to the old hat. A plan which is often very successful is to pull two old hats to pieces, and out of their combined materials fashion the new one. And if the home worker does not achieve complete success as the result of her efforts, at least no money has been wasted in the process.

The Newest Style.

The Princess robe which first appeared fitfully on the scene has been steadily gaining ground. It is safe to predict that it will shortly become one of the leading styles. A very smart illustration of this costume is the coat and skirt variety, the skirt being made in one with a corselet bodice, and the coat consisting of a tiny bolero ornamented with a triple cape and revers, cut on the highwayman pattern. Separate skirts, however, will, without doubt, be sold and worn before long, and though these can never be quite as practical as the more ordinary skirt set into the customary narrow waistband, still, in a modified form, cut in one with a short Swiss belt or made with a separate deep pointed belt to simulate a Princess appearance, they will be adopted for general wear with blouses and shirts.

Evening Dresses.

The majority of evening dresses follow the Princess style, and, given a pretty rounded figure of medium height and size, nothing could look more elegant. There is something in the simplicity of the Princess robe, and something more in its air of quiet dignity which makes it well deserving of its regal designation. The Empire gown is next favourite on the list. This style particularly shows to advantage for tea-gowns, at evening parties and at dinners, but is less suitable for balls and dances, when the difficulty of defining the waist-line is its principal drawback. The appearance of the lady garbed in an Empire gown whose partner clasps her round where he imagines her waist should be is by no means enhanced, for the straight folds are one of the essential features of this gown; and if its fair wearer is fortunate enough to obtain a partner who recognises this fact, and effects a compromise by placing his arm around her shoulders the comfort of dancing is somewhat spoilt for both, although the dress is in better case.

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AN EARLY SPRING PROMENADE GOWN.

For those who are more conservative in their tastes in the matter of dress, less pronounced and more fussy styles are recommended. Gauze or chiffon over dresses very fully flounced and mounted upon silk foundation slips bought ready made will help both the pretty and plain girl to look her best. A wreath or twist of ribbon gives a dainty finish to a simple evening toilette, and in connection with this it is well to bear in mind that red or pink worn above the face gives colour to the cheeks while worn below the face they render the complexion paler than is in reality the case.

Spring Shopping.

The first glimpse of spring sunshine invariably makes one anxious to replenish one's wardrobe. The days are rapidly lengthening and a strong light searches out the defects and discrepancies in one's attire in a way that is truly disconcerting. For useful spring wear, checks and plaids retain their popularity. A plaid in two or more colours always looks well when trimmed with a plain cloth to match the predominating colour. Thus green and brown with a line of red may be relieved by plain green or plain brown. Checks, on the other hand, are made smarter by trimmings which are more in the nature of a contrast; thus turquoise blue looks charming against a light brown and white check, while a black and white or grey and white check may be brightened by mauve or cerise.

Pretty Hands.

A pretty hand should not only be shapely but also soft and white, and free from blemishes. A woman who is much engaged in domestic duties finds it difficult to keep her hands nice, but she can do so if she sets her mind upon it. Nothing spoils the hands more than getting them grimed with dust and dirt, and this may be prevented by wearing loose leather gloves whenever engaged in dusting or sweeping. Even washing up dishes can be accomplished, with very little wetting of the hands, if a dish-mop of soft cotton be used instead of the old-fashioned dish-cloth.

The hardest and roughest hands may be made quite presentable in a month or so with proper care. Rain-water is considered best for the skin, but a little borax added to hard water will soften it and add to its cleansing powers. If you want nice, soft, white hands and are willing to take a little trouble you may have them. Make a strong solution of borax in boiling water, bottle it when cool, and keep it on your washstand. Add a little of this to the water in which you wash; you will find it more convenient than borax in powder.

Warm water should be used for washing the hands, because it is more cleansing than cold, but the soapy water should afterwards be rinsed off in clean cold or tepid water. Leaving soap on the skin is apt to roughen and coarsen it. Be particular in the care of the nails, for there is nothing that looks more disgusting than dirty and overlong finger-nails. Keep them carefully pared to the shape of the finger-tips, and always immaculately clean. Some people never use a nail brush, but employ instead a well-soaped piece of flannel whenever they wash their hands. The flannel has the advantage over the brush that it does not roughen the inside of the nail, or force away the skin from it, thus making room for the lodgment of dirt.

Some of the best-kept nails I have seen are never touched with a nail brush, but I think that perhaps few people who have housework to do would be able to keep their hands nice without one.

An excellent preparation for pre-

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Ela Q. May in "Peter Pan" at the Duke of York's Theatre.

Photo, Topical.

THE CIRCLE OF DEATH: Mlle. Mauricia de Thiers, a woman motorist, who was mortally injured in a sensational "loop" act at Lisbon.

venting roughness and chapping of the hands is made of an ounce each of lemon-juice, glycerine, and rose-water, shaken together in a bottle. It is a good plan to put a little of this on the hands after washing, and before drying them; it will not make them feel sticky.

On going to bed apply the same mixture, and then put on a pair of large, light kid gloves. There is no better way of getting the hands in good condition than of wearing gloves at night after having applied some good emollient as here suggested.

Hot Water Cans.

These should be turned upside down to drain each time after using. It is the little drop of water which causes rust, and the rust spot is soon followed by a hole.

A Good Nursery Hair Wash

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Veal Soup with Macaroni.

Put two pounds of knuckle of veal and a shank bone of ham into a saucepan and cover with two quarts of cold water. Bring to the boil quickly, skim thoroughly, throw in a little cold water and skim again. Then add two onions, one stuck with six cloves, a little strip of mace, and a few peppercorns. Cook this stock gently for five or six hours, adding a little piece of lemon rind if liked. Let the soup get cold, remove all fat. Boil four ounces of macaroni in boiling salted water for twenty minutes, drain, add to the soup, heat gently, season and serve. A little cream is a great improvement to the soup.

To Imitate Frosted Glass.

Dissolve Epsom salts in beer, and apply to the window with a brush. As the solution dries it crystallises, and may be varnished.

Caramel Toffee.

Boil for a quarter of an hour the contents of a tin of Swiss milk with two pounds of coarse brown sugar and one teaspoonful of vanilla essence, with a piece of butter the size of an egg. When this is of the consistency of caramels, place on a buttered tin. When half cold cut into squares and leave on the tin. Stir while the toffee is cooking, and do not have a strong fire.

Cheese Savoury Sandwich.

Put six ounces of cheese and a tablespoonful of arrow-root or cornflour into a basin, with a pinch each of salt, cayenne, and ground mace. Mix well, then stir in the yolks of two eggs, a tablespoonful of cream, and one ounce of oiled butter. Work all till quite smooth. Roll out about half a pound of rough puff paste. Spread half of it with the cheese mixture, wet the edges, lay the remaining half on it, pressing and folding the edges well together; brush over with beaten egg. Mark into squares.

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will make him redouble his precautions. He will push his men closer under cover of it, and get his guns into better positions. Poor Birch again hampers us. By scattering and working each man for himself, some of us might get through. You might tell the men that they are free to try."

"It would be waste of breath, my lord. Wherever you stay, they will stay."

Garth smiled sadly. Both men realised that the situation was desperate, both men knew that a few hours would end it all.

"Well," said Leckburn, "if we get knocked out we have the glorious satisfaction of knowing that it took an army to do it. Hello, here's the first greeting."

A shell shrieked out of the fog.

"Lyddite," said Graydon Garth.

Boom! A second shell had been fired from the other side. Range and elevation, both apparently guessed at roughly, were bad. Garth was laughing as he swung himself down the cliff into the ravine. It seemed ridiculous that an army should be sent to capture a mere handful of men. Leckburn remained behind to watch. The fog lifted and once more he saw the vanguard of the hosts of Vor. A white flag fluttered beyond the river. The man who carried it dashed into the swollen stream. Leckburn put his hands to his mouth: "My lord!"

Graydon Garth looked up. He spoke in his natural tones, but Leckburn heard him distinctly.

"You wanted to tell me they were sending an envoy," he drawled. "I knew it. King shall meet him."

The men gathered behind their leader at the head of the ravine. Kit rode back from his mission followed by the envoy. Garth bowed coldly.

"What hast thou for me?"

"A message, chief, from Kanarphes, the Immortal."

"Then give me thy message."

The man bowed over his horse's neck.

"Chief," he said, in a strange tongue. "I would it were a fairer message, for ye are few, but very brave. List, then, to the word of Kanarphes, the Immortal, High Priest of Vor, the All-powerful, and leader of the Army of the Eyes.

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Garth smiled again.

"My lads," he drawled, "I have just received an ultimatum from Vor's high priest. He invites me to give myself up on the understanding that you are to go free. What do you think about it?"

Kit clutched his revolver and scanned the faces of his comrades.

"I think it's confounded cheek," said Leckburn, hotly.

"By thunder! so do I," said Kit, "and so does every man here. I say fight it out. We're not nearly dead yet. And what's the Egyptian's word worth? I wouldn't trust him out of easy rifle-shot. It's a trap."

"Bedad, but we're not bitin'," growled Micky, the gunner.

Graydon Garth flung his cigarette away.

"I do not think Kanarphes would lie, lads," he drawled. "I think he would act quite fairly by you if I surrendered. I do not care to surrender—yet. We should disgrace ourselves for ever were we to capitulate without firing a shot." He bowed to the envoy and went on in the Vor tongue. "Chief, go back to Kanarphes, thy lord. Tell him that Graydon Garth defies him, tell him that Graydon Garth's slave, whom he wishes to slay, despises him. We are here among the hills, and we bid him fetch us out. Tell him we shall never surrender."

A smile crossed the envoy's face as he looked at Graydon Garth.

"I have not yet ended. Kanarphes the Immortal saith more unto you: 'This offer of mine shall hold good however hot the fighting. Show a white flag on the summit of the left cliff or build a fire of damp wood that I may see the smoke, and I will stop the firing!' and so farewell."

"The cunning villain," muttered Garth, "the crafty fox."

The envoy galloped down the pass and clattered away.

"Guard your lives well, lads," drawled Graydon Garth.

The Maxim was run into position. They knew that they were very close to death.

There was a brief pause, and then the guns crashed out.

How it happened no one could tell unless Kanarphes was a magician, but a hoarse yell came from Kit King's throat.

"They've got us. They've outwitted Pete."

They turned in amaze. The cliffs behind them were white with men.

"It's all up," growled Leckburn.

"Fire no more," drawled Graydon Garth. "It is only a waste of powder."

The white wave rolled down the hill.

"Vor, Vor, and Kanarphes!"

Garth folded his arms. All was over. Leckburn tossed his revolver away in disgust. And then Micky, the gunner, sprang to his feet with a cry that sent the blood coursing through the veins of all:

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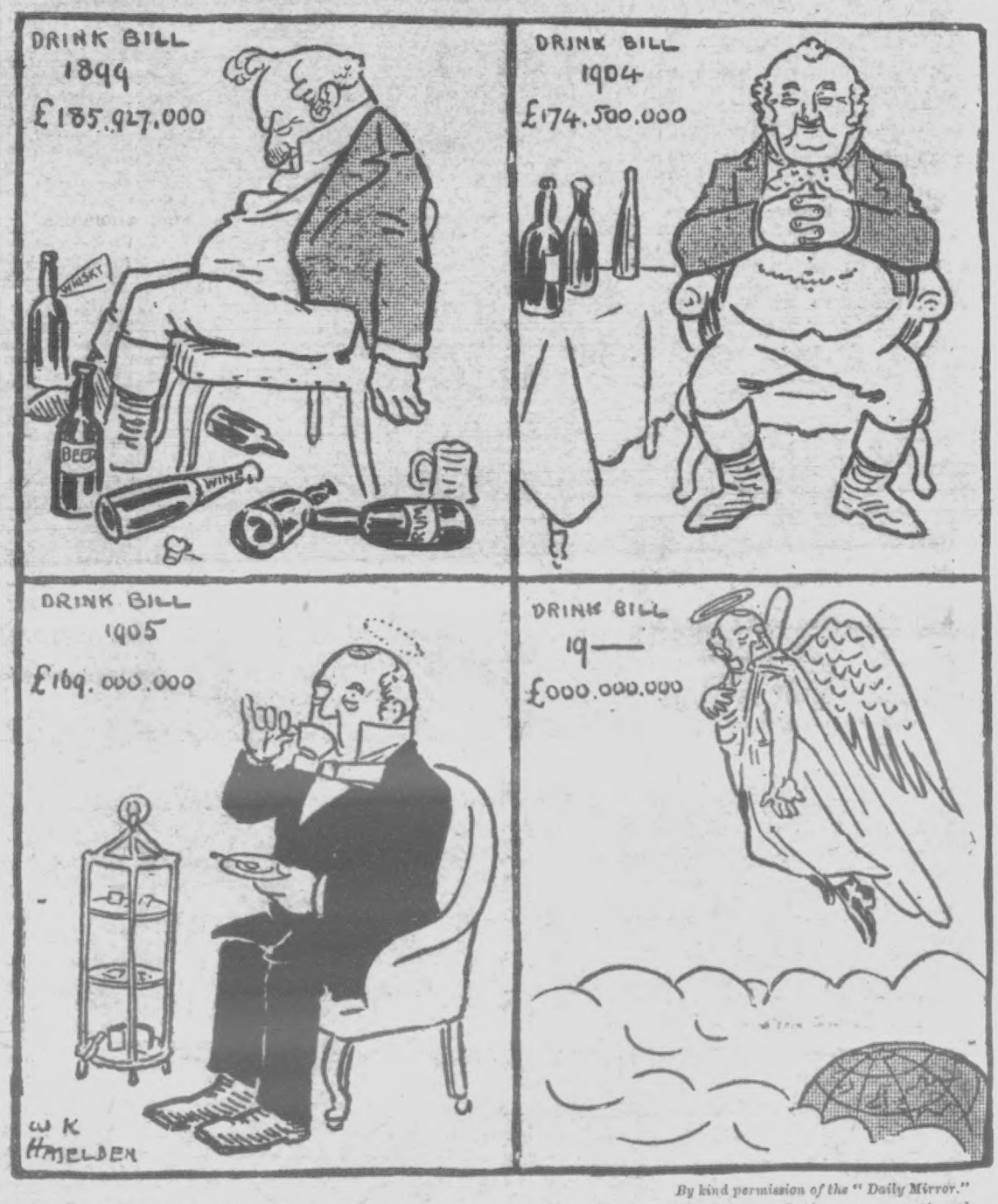

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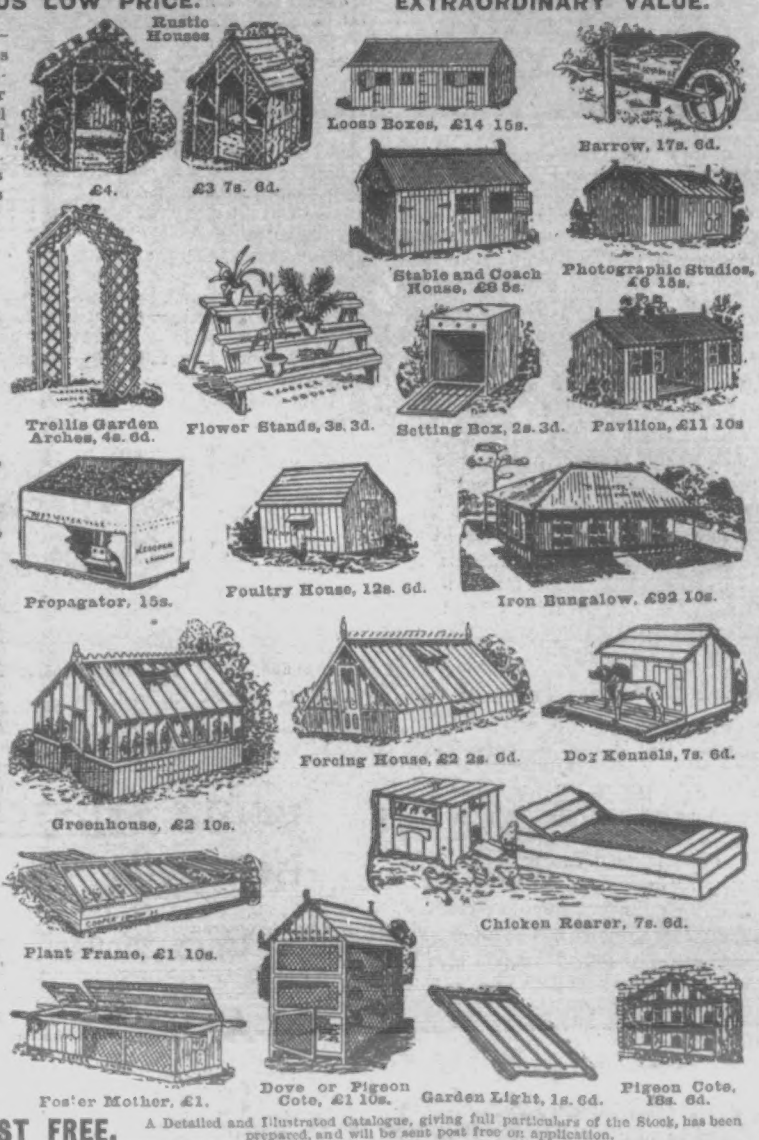

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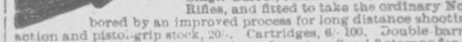

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